the Enamakkal dam was constructed, to lands in Thottippal, Parappukkara and other villages. Unless we find there is a real grievance, there is no necessity to construct this canal. I may also say that, if we had constructed a bund last year as was thought, the floods of this year would have destroyed almost all, and we would have lost about two lakhs of rupees. In that also you may think how wise we were in not taking up this work this year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So you have abandoned this scheme ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The particular scheme I cannot say whether it is abandoned or not. First of all, there should be a necessity for the scheme; when that necessity comes, and if you will press on us, then we shall take up the work. Meanwhile, we are going to open a canal from Muriyad Lake through Irinjalakkuda. That will serve both as a flood-way and also as a navigation canal. That will also lessen the floods in Thottippal, Parappukkara and other villages to some extent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were not many houses washed away by the recent floods ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, very many. In such cases we can pay special attention only to crops. If houses are constructed in places where floods generally occur, we are not to blame. You cannot blame anybody. It is the question of small little huts made of cadjan and clay. If they do not construct their huts in higher grounds, it is impossible to protect those places. We can improve only the economic condition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not this flood due to the Karuvannur bund ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is a controversial question. It is so. Those bunds should not have been constructed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will not an outlet to the north of the Karuvannur bridge be useful for the houses in the flood area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The outlet cannot be a big one. For ordinary floods there is no necessity for it, and for extra-ordinary floods it will be very insufficient. So it cannot work either way. A fifty feet canal would not be of much help. The whole thing would be washed away by a little flood. So it is insufficient for a heavy flood and unnecessary for an ordinary flood.

Registration of Kanom demises.

296. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(1) (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the District Registrar a

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Pazhanji is compelling parties before registration to insert a term in all kanom demises that there shall be a grant of renewal on the expiry of 12 years from the date of the demise;

(b) if so, in how many documents has he done so;

(c) and under what section of the Regulation is this enforced;

(2) who is to decide whether any demise presented for registration is affected by chapters III and IV of Regulation II of 1090;

(3) are there any circulars issued about the registration of kanom demises under section 27 of the Tenancy Regulation, by the Government or the Superintendent of Registration; if so, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) (a) The Registrar is only advising the parties to insert such a term in demises coming under section 20 of the Tenancy Regulation.

(b) The information is not available.

(c) Under section 27 of the Tenancy Regulation, II of 1090, as amended by Regulation IV of 1091.

(2) For purposes of registration the Registrar is to decide from the wording of documents.

(3) There are no circulars on the particular point.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether there is a section which says that there should be a renewal after 12 years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amendment points out that these two points of section 27 should be noted in the documents, that is, the renewal fee and the customary dues and also the occasions on which they should be levied.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is no necessity that there should be a grant of renewal.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no necessity.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why should these Registrars give this advice and in some cases force parties ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as the Government know, the Registrars are not doing that. If there is any specific instance, and if the Member points it out, Government shall take action.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to issue a circular to the effect that such terms shall not be inserted ? I shall give specific instances.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A circular was issued before the amendment was passed. The amendment did away with the circular, impliedly at any rate.

Grant of scholarships for studies outside the State.

297. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state;—

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